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'Strap 'em on tight'

Tackle football returns to MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay

Sgt. Robert Carlson

Press Chief

After an absence of nearly eight years, tackle football is scheduled to return to MCB Hawaii this summer, adding more breadth to an already healthy intramural sports program and offering yet another opportunity for Kaneohe Bay residents to come together and support their favorite team.

At least eight teams are set to begin tryouts and pre-conditioning July 29, and the season is scheduled to begin Sept. 6.

Each MCB Hawaii command has the opportunity to field a team, and Marine Corps Community Services is footing the bill for equipment and promotion.

"This is a program the commanding general wanted to set up, and we found a way to do it," said Wayne Yamada, MCCS Semper Fit director for MCB Hawaii.

Since there are no other military tackle football programs in Hawaii, the teams will compete with other K-Bay squads, and each will have seven games during the regular season.

Yamada said he's working to set up exhibition games with



Hawaii Marine Archive Photo

Bobby Ray Wiggins hangs on to Twentynine Palms rusher Hal Spann during intramural football action aboard K-Bay in 1978.

west-coast teams from the Camp Pendleton and Mirimar areas to add some variety to the program.

The program will be 8-man tackle football, with 15-minute quarters. Although teams will be allowed 25-person rosters,

they will have only eight players on the field at any time.

The clock will continue running throughout the game, ex-

cept for 2-minute warnings in the second and fourth quarters, and for timeouts.

Yamada said the schedule hasn't been set in stone yet, but it looks like games will go on Friday and Saturday evenings beginning at about 6 p.m.

"We're going to have two games each night, and play twice a week," explained Joe Au, MCCS intramural sports coordinator. "The regular season will end on or around Oct. 19, and then we'll have a couple of weeks for makeup games before the championship tournament," he added.

The championship will be decided by a single elimination tournament, with a final championship game tentatively scheduled for Nov. 23.

Athletes are already getting ready for tryouts and are excited about the new intramural offering.

"I played 8-man tackle football at Camp Lejeune, and it was awesome," said Sgt. Aaron Dobson, a training NCO for Headquarters Bn., MCB Hawaii. "It's good competition and it's a lot of fun. I saw a lot more sportsmanship than I have in other sports," he explained. "Everyone has a great time."

Pilot program to test recycling efforts here

Sgt. Robert Carlson

Press Chief

Marine Corps Base Hawaii has started a pilot program to collect recyclables from family housing units. The first satellite collection facility is set up adjacent the Family Housing Department and the Lending Locker.

Units aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, have always had the ability to recycle, but when the base discontinued curbside pickup in October 2001, family housing residents began taking their recyclables to the base recycling center.

In an effort to increase participation in the base recycling program, Brig. Gen. Jerry C. McAbee, MCB Hawaii's commanding general, implemented the pilot program to collect recyclables in the housing area.

The pilot site is more convenient for residents since the collection site is located within the neighborhood.

Currently, the Rainbow Housing Area is the only neighborhood with a collection site. The base environmental de-

partment is working with the family housing department to see what kind of participation the program gets.

"We're doing the pilot program for two or three months, and then we'll decide if we need more collection sites in other key locations," said Jim Sibert, recycling center manager. "This is great because it's an inexpensive way to help residents here recycle."

Base residents received a newsletter Saturday, which explained the program and offered suggestions on recycling. Sibert said that there was an immediate response, and that people have already started to use the pilot site.

"We're already learning a lot from the program, and we are adjusting it to meet the needs of the residents."

"We had to upgrade the cardboard collection bin to a bigger size, and we're getting an early idea about what is being recycled the most."

Informational posters and a logbook are attached to the portable site, and Sibert personally answers any recycling-related questions residents write in the book. Reach Sibert at 257-4300.



Former CG honored at HPU

Stackpole receives prestigious 'Fellow of the Pacific' award

Hawaii Pacific University
Press Release



RETIRED MARINE LT. GEN. STACKPOLE

Hawaii Pacific University has named Retired Marine Corps Lt. Gen. H. C. "Hank" Stackpole, who is president of the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies, the recipient of the Fellow of the Pacific Award — the University's highest accolade.

The award was given at HPU's spring commencement exercises Wednesday, where Lt. Gen. Stackpole delivered the keynote address at the Waikiki Shell.

"Hawaii Pacific University is honored to make this presentation to General Stackpole. This award signifies our recognition of his outstanding leadership in

the community and salutes his dedication to the people of Hawaii and the Asia Pacific," said HPU President Chatt G. Wright.

Prior to heading the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies, Lt. Gen. Stackpole served in the Marine Corps for 36 years, retiring as a lieutenant general.

His last active duty assignment was comman-

der of Marine Forces Pacific, the single largest U.S. Marine field command in the world.

Lieutenant Gen. Stackpole has been honored by several governments. He has been recognized by the Republic of Korea, by Japan for advancing Japan-U.S. relations, and by the government of Bangladesh for disaster relief and humanitarian support.

For the past 37 years, Hawaii Pacific University has honored outstanding community leaders for their contributions to the Hawaiian islands, the Pacific Basin and the University.

Past recipients have included governors, senators, business leaders, educators, philanthropists and other noted professionals.



Sgt. Robert Carlson

Handing out a different kind of ticket

Base Safety Center Director Bo Irvine (right) and Military Policeman Cpl. James Jaeger give a movie ticket to Lance Cpl. Eric R. Johnson. Johnson was stopped for wearing his seatbelt. Beginning Monday, the Base Safety Center, in conjunction with the Military Police Department, will issue 250 free movie

tickets to drivers who wear their seatbelts. Drivers who are not wearing their belts will receive a warning from the military police. For more information about the Base Safety Center's preparations and activities planned for the 101 Critical Days of Summer, see page B-1.

MCBH NEWS BRIEFS

DEFY NEEDS MENTORS

What is DEFY? DEFY is a unique, comprehensive, one-year program for youth 9 to 12 years old. The program helps reduce risk factors linked to adolescent alcohol and drug abuse, school failure, delinquency and violence. The program delivers leadership and life skills training for youth, by teaching team building, conflict resolution, age-appropriate goal setting and self-confidence skills.

The office is looking for men and women, whether military or civilian, to serve as mentors. A minimum of 15 mentors are needed by May 31. If you're interested in getting involved, call Daryl Picadura, program coordinator at 257-2103, ext. 313.

CREDO POSTS SCHEDULE

Marines, Sailors, federal employees or their family members may participate in any upcoming CREDO Personal Growth or Marriage Enrichment Retreat. Sponsored by the Chief of Naval Operations, the programs support people who desire a more harmonious personal life, as well as growth in their personal and professional relationships.

Meals, lodging and transportation to the site are provided free of charge. Call 257-1941 or 257-0408 to register for any of the following retreats:

- Personal Growth — May 16 - 19.
- Marriage Enrichment — July 12 - 14.

BACK GATE HOURS EXTENDED

The MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, back gate, on Mokapu Road, is now open seven days a week, from 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The hours were extended to better support the base and its military community.

“OFF LIMITS” AREAS POSTED

The following areas and establishments have been declared and placed “off limits” to all military personnel, until rescinded by the Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board:

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- Pearl Kai Mini-Mart at 98-199 Kamehameha Hwy. in Aiea.
- The Dungeon/Temple/Atomics at 142 Mokauea St. in Honolulu.
- The Shelter/Club 1739 at 1739 Kalakaua Ave. in Honolulu.

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— C.G.’S MAIL BOX —

‘I am taken aback to such a liberal civilian attire code.’



BRIG. GEN.
MCABEE

- Submitted by Sgt. Kevin C. Jamison, Headquarters Bn., MCB Hawaii

“I arrived aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, in January of this year.

When stepping into the base establishments such as the chowhall, main exchange, and 7-day store, I noticed that this base has a very (and I say this painfully), very relaxed civilian attire policy.

I am not the only person who has noticed.

When coming from another Marine Corps facility and stepping onto this one, I am taken aback to such a liberal civilian attire code.

My first week aboard this base, I stepped into the chowhall to see a Marine wearing flip-flops, Hawaiian sandals or shower shoes, call them what you may.

I began to approach this Marine and then stopped. I stopped because I began to notice that others were wearing the same thing.

I checked BaseO 1020.5A (Marine Corps Base Hawaii Uniform and Civilian Attire Regulations). I guess I am wrong. It is authorized by this order.

I also began to notice Marines were wearing swim trunks as shorts, muscle shirts, and trousers without belts — everywhere.

There are definite flagrant abuses of this policy, and I am writing to address the situation.

The order states, “All individuals shall comply with the references and this Order in maintaining and wearing uniforms and civilian clothing in conformance with the expected high standards of personal appearance.”

Where is this “high standards of personal appearance”? Is it a problem? Well, I am one voice, but not the only one who feels this way. Ask

any Marine who is new to this installation, and see the reaction on his or her face at such a liberal civilian attire policy.

Sir, you ask, “What are we doing that we shouldn’t be doing?” We are abusing the base order.

You ask, “What are we not doing that we should be doing?” We are not adhering to the base order.

You ask, “What are we doing that we should be doing better?” We should be being better Marines.”

Semper Fi,
Sgt. Kevin C. Jamison

Sgt. Jamison,

I have been asked by the commanding general to research and to respond to your email of April 11 since your recommendation falls within my responsibilities. He appreciates you taking your time to participate in the CG Mail Program.

You have recommended that we enforce our base regulations on civilian attire while on leave and liberty.

I must tell you how much I agree with your position. You bring up a subject that is near and dear to my heart: being better Marines.

How a Marine dresses while on liberty is a direct reflection of his unit’s discipline and esprit de corps.

Our present regulations state:

The wearing of civilian attire should be a matter of personal pride. No order or policy could possibly address all that is acceptable or unacceptable civilian clothing.

Wearing civilian clothing that pre-

sents a conservative, clean, non-offensive and neat appearance is the standard for active duty personnel assigned to this base while in a leave or liberty status.

While aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, retired military, family members of Armed Forces personnel, DoD civilians, and all guests will adhere to the same standards.

Due to climatic conditions and local customs unique to Hawaii, the wearing of full, conservative fit tank tops and sandals (or flip flops/Hawaiian slippers, without a heel strap) are authorized, while on leave and liberty.

The most important aspect of the order is what you have addressed — enforcement of the policy.

Again, I turn to the order that states:

All officers, staff noncommissioned officers, noncommissioned officers, chief petty officers and petty officers will become familiar with [the references] and are charged with the responsibility of enforcing these regulations.

The commanding general agrees with me that each and every member of the base community — regardless of rank or status — is accountable to these standards.

I applaud your beliefs, and I commend you for “sounding off” on such an important issue.

Thank you for participating in this program, and I look forward to assisting you with correcting all Marines who violate this policy.

Semper Fidelis,
Sgt. Maj. Filipo Ilaoa
MCB Hawaii Sergeant Major

(Editor’s Note: Letters of any length may be trimmed and edited in the interest of good taste and brevity.)

The commanding general invites input from the base community via C.G. Mail on the following topics: What are we doing that we shouldn’t be doing? What are we not doing that we should be doing? What are we doing that we should be doing better?

Responses should include a recommendation that will help solve the problem and must include your name and return address so that staff may respond.

For more information about how to send C.G. Mail, see the MCB Hawaii C.G. Mail page at www.mcbh.usmc.mil/command/cgmail.htm.

CG honors civilians, Marines



Lance Cpl. Jessica Mills

Brigadier Gen. Jerry C. McAbee, commanding general, MCB Hawaii, recognizes Jesse Machado (right) with a Length of Service Award for 25 years of service with Marine Corps Community Services. Guy Hamada (center) and Kenneth F. Kamiyama received awards for 20 years of service. Warren Visser and Murray Visser also received awards for 25 years of service, and Steven Fujiyoshi was recognized for 35. Captain Michael Jackson received a Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and Cpl. Erick Schleher and Lance Cpl. Adam Black received Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals during a ceremony at the base flag pole May 10. Also recognized was Petty Officer 1st Class Mark W. Goldschmidt, who was recently selected as the Sea Sailor of the Year for Marine Forces Pacific.



Sergeants and below who dare to become Combat Correspondents and would pride themselves on telling the Marine Corps story can seize the opportunity with a lateral move into the 4341 occupational field.

Contact Gunnery Sgt. Rhys Evans, base public affairs chief, at 257-8832 or 257-8840, for more information.

COBRA GOLD 2002



Thai camp rallies comforts of home

Story and Photos by
Cpl. Jason E. Miller
Combat Correspondent

UTAPAO NATIONAL AIRFIELD, Thailand — Exercise Cobra Gold 2002 didn't officially kick off until May 14, but hundreds of Marines in Thailand were ready to get the annual exercise underway, days before.

Many of the leathernecks were probably expecting steamy, hot jungles; thousands of pesky insects; and very rough living conditions.

What most of them found, however, was that even though the sun and the bugs are tough to beat, living in Tent City on an old Thai airfield really isn't all that difficult to endure.

There are several services located on or near the base camp that help in keeping hygiene standards, quality of life and morale high, while the Marines are living in this training environment.

"It was hotter than I thought it was going to be, but the area that we live in really isn't so bad. We've got a lot of services there for us," said Lance Cpl. Michael Mullins, field wireman, Marine Wing Communications Squadron 18, based in Okinawa, Japan. "We've even got fans in our hooches."

Marines working here are offered phone services so that they can make calls back home or wherever they like, without it costing a fortune.

A small gym facility was also placed in a nearby hangar to help the Marines maintain their physical readiness once they become accustomed to the tropical Thai climate.

The chow hall, which is located inside a collection of canvas shelters on the tarmac, prepares food twice daily so that the Marines aren't living solely off of MREs (Meals Ready to Eat).



Above — Tent City stands tall at base camp in Utapao National Airfield in Thailand.

Left — Water bladders provide purified water for Marines and Sailors to maintain personal hygiene at the camp.



Left — Marines unpack items at their shaving station. **Above — The chow hall** prepares one of two daily meals.

prices in the United States and other countries.

A currency exchange and small convenience store are also located inside the same hangar.

The one complaint at Utapao seems to be the sweltering heat. The canvas tents, even though cooled by electric fans, still tend to heat up in the mid-day sun. Hydration is key among the training Marines, who religiously guzzle gallons of bottled water supplied for them.

In all, Utapao base camp is not a bad place to be. The provided services make living in Thailand an almost pleasurable experience.

Cobra Gold Marines 'down the juice'

Staying hydrated in Thailand requires five liters of bottled water per day

Cpl. Jason E. Miller
Combat Correspondent

UTAPAO NATIONAL AIRFIELD, Thailand — It's hot in Thailand. Real hot.

Add that to the near 100 percent humidity and a flurry of outdoor training exercises in full combat gear, and you've got some thirsty, sweaty Devil Dogs.

Hydration, as always, is key to any mission that involves training outdoors — no matter what the weather conditions.

Here in Thailand, providing Marines with water that's fresh and safe to drink is a mission of its own.

Several components have come together to make staying clean and hydrated possible.

As with any foreign country, water from the tap is often difficult to stomach because of different bacteria and chemicals that the water may contain. The local



Cpl. Jason E. Miller

Maintenance Administration Clerk Pfc. Jorail Jermany, of MALS-24, downs a bottle of purified water.

residents have adjusted to this, but the deployed service members for Cobra Gold 2002 will not have that luxury.

There is a major sewage contamination problem in the public water supply here, said Senior Chief Petty Officer Arnel Cauguiran, senior enlisted leader of the Aviation Support Element's medical facility at Utapao Airfield.

Right now, bottled water is the only means the Marines here have of hydrating themselves.

A team of Army medical personnel arrived in Thailand long before any of the training exercises began and conducted a test on all local water supplies.

Upon its conclusion, the team decided that only bottled water, bought locally, would be provided to ser-

vice members training here, said Cauguiran.

Heat-related injuries have been, from the beginning, the most common problem that the medical facilities in Thailand have been seeing. More than 50 percent of the patients at morning sick calls are in because of dehydration, heat rashes or gastro enteritis.

For purposes such as bathing, bottled water simply will not do the trick.

Teams of Marine Corps water purification specialists were brought on scene with the rest of the service members to decontaminate water and provide clean and healthy access to bathing and hygiene areas.

According to Cauguiran, the Marines here should be drinking a minimum of five liters of the bottled water every day to stay hydrated in this climate. That's five liters at a minimum. Anything more would be better and couldn't really hurt in this heat, he added.

WORD ON THE STREET

*"How will
tackle
football
benefit
Marines and
Sailors here?"*



"It will generate interest in the community and keep more people out of trouble."

Lance Cpl. Justin Arnold
K-9 handler
Military Police Department

"It will not only build camaraderie and increase morale, but will also bring the community closer together."

Gunnery Sgt. Elijah Dent
Roadmaster
Headquarters Bn., MCB Hawaii



"Guys who are not normally leaders will feel more comfortable about taking charge on the field."

Sgt. Aaron Dobson
Training NCO
Headquarters Bn., MCB Hawaii

"It will give the big guys a chance to stay in shape — and a chance for some contact."

Seaman Nicholas Johnson
Safety mate
VP-9



"We'll be able to get to know some of the athletes from other commands who we might not otherwise meet."

Sgt. Nick Hasenfratz
Training NCO
Headquarters Bn., MCB Hawaii

DoD set to give renewed attention to health needs of deployed forces

Department of Defense
Press Release

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr. has established the Deployment Health Support Directorate as a permanent organization and appointed Ellen P. Embrey, the deputy assistant secretary of Defense (Force Health Protection and Readiness), as its director.

“My pledge of health protection for U.S. forces is unequivocal,” Winkenwerder said. “We will build on the lessons of the past and maximally utilize the resources of the Deployment Health Support Directorate, under the direction of Ellen Embrey, to achieve this essential mission.”

As director, Embrey will ensure the unity and effectiveness of DoD's efforts to protect the health of deployed forces, Winkenwerder said.

The new directorate will build upon the considerable achievements of its predecessor organization, the Office of the Special Assistant for Gulf War Illnesses, Medical Readiness and Military Deployments.

The new directorate is charged with understanding how DoD can best support the health and medical needs of warfighters before, during and after military deployments. The directorate will focus on several measures DoD can take to better protect the health of deployed forces, including accurate record keeping, preventive health and research.

By ensuring open lines of communication between DoD and service members, veterans and their families, the directorate serves as a conduit for contributions to deployment health policies and practices and as a bridge from the experiences of the past to the battlefields of the future. In particular, the directorate will continue its efforts to fully understand the health experiences reported by Gulf War veterans.

"Protecting the health of deployed military personnel is a paramount concern of the Department of Defense," Embrey said. "We must do everything possible to continue to improve the protection of U.S. forces in all deployments."

'Smart card' makes its debut at Camp Smith

Cpl. Luis R. Agostini

Marine Forces Pacific Public Affairs Office

CAMP H.M. SMITH — The common access card has made its scheduled debut here, and is currently being distributed to active duty service members and selected reserve personnel, Department of Defense civilian employees and eligible contract personnel.

Commonly referred to as CAC or “smart card,” the common access card will replace the old I.D. card and perform more functions than the current DoD I.D. cards.


Some of the new updateable features include a computer chip that will store personal information such as name, gender, entitled benefits and privileges information, and blood type and organ donor information for the military only. Other features include digital certificates and more application-specific data.



Cpl. Luis R. Agostini

The common access card performs various functions such as authorizing access to secured doors according to security clearance.

The card will allow computer users to log on to their computers, encrypt or encode e-mails or electronically sign documents.

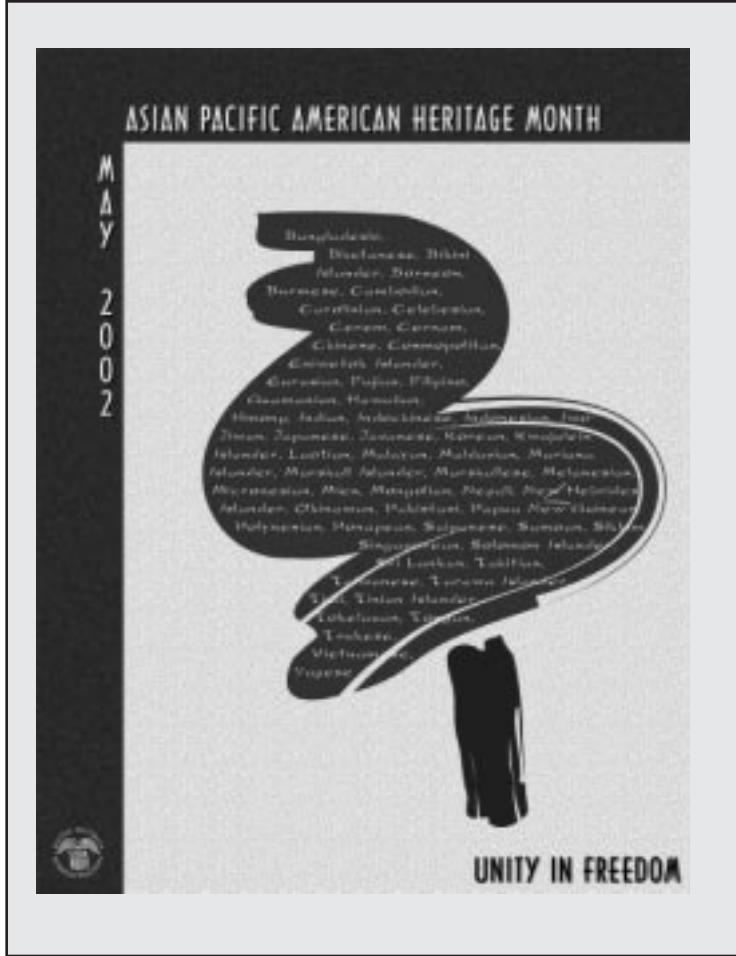
For personal security, printed information on the CAC is kept to a minimum, while meeting Geneva Convention requirements. A personal identification number is required to access the information on the  chip.

The new I.D. cards are currently being distributed to select sections.

"The card is very attractive," said Master Sgt. Gregory Wilburn, of Marine Forces Pacific's G-8. The comptroller chief received his common access card April 22 and uses it to enter local military bases. "My only complaint is that it doesn't have my signature like the old card did."

For more information, contact your S-1 office, or visit the common access card website at <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/smartcard>.

***Celebrating the heritage of
Asian Pacific Americans***



Department of Defense Poster



Photo courtesy of Sen. Daniel K. Inouye

Left — The 2002 Asian Pacific American Heritage Month poster. Right — Senator Daniel K. Inouye of Hawaii was a combat infantryman in Europe during World War II. Substantial numbers of Asian-Americans served in America's armed forces during World War II, but the total number is unknown. Some 25,000 Japanese-Americans proved their loyalty in uniform. More than 6,000 Nisei (first-generation, American-born Japanese) trained as interpreters and translators at the Army's Military Intelligence Service (MIS) Language School in Minnesota, and 3,700 MIS linguists served in combat. The U.S. Army's 442nd Regimental Combat Team, which was comprised of about 4,500 Japanese-Americans, fought heroically in Italy and Central Europe. The unit received more than 18,000 individual decorations and seven Presidential Unit Citations. More than 20,000 Chinese Americans served in the armed forces — many as integrated members of Army units. Smaller numbers of Filipino-Americans and Korean-Americans formed small units for the nation's war effort.



2002 Hurricane Awareness Poster Contest!

Sponsored by MGCSS Personnel Services and Base Safety

Hurricane season runs from June through November, and is blowing in fast!
Make a poster to help let people know how to prepare!

Who is eligible to enter?

- Children in Kindergarten through Sixth Grade

What are the requirements?

- Artwork should be in color, on 8.5 X 11 inch paper.
- Entries should depict ways to prepare and be safe during Hurricane Season.
- The following information needs to be included on the back of each entry:
 - Child's name, grade, age, address, phone number or email where parent can be reached, parent's names, branch of service, rank of military member. See attached entry form.

When is the deadline for posters?

- Friday, May 24, 2002. (In honor of National Hurricane Awareness Week May 19-25)

Where do I submit my poster?

- Posters should be submitted to Personnel Services at Bldg. 216, 257-7787/7786.

What happens if my poster wins?

- The winning poster will be used in the 2002 MCBH Hurricane Awareness Campaign and displayed throughout the base.
- The winner will also receive a certificate of achievement.

Please detach and affix to back of poster.....

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Branch of Service: _____ Unit: _____ Rank: _____

===== EVERY CLIME AND PLACE =====

3/2 conquers jungle warfare training



Lance Cpl. Matthew Orr

Seaman Daniel T. Bobic, a corpsman with Headquarters and Supply Co., 3/2, rappels from a 65-foot man-made vertical cliff at the Jungle Warfare Training Center.

Lance Cpl.
Matthew Orr
*MCB Camp Lejeune Public
Affairs Office*

OKINAWA, Japan — Marines must be ready to fight in every clime and place. In an effort to maintain this combat readiness, leathernecks from 3d Bn., 2d Marine Regiment, attended the Jungle Warfare Training Center here at Camp Gonsalves.

The six-day package taught the Marines the basics of what they needed to do if placed in the jungle, and how to survive.

They made rope bridges to cross fast-flowing streams safely, participated in land navigation exercises during the day and night, and rappelled from a 65-foot cliff. Marines also patrolled in rough terrain, tested for poisonous plants, experienced “Survival Night” and participated in the endurance course.

During Survival Night in the jungle, Marine squads are left with



Lance Cpl. Matthew Orr

1st Sgt. Billy R. Garcia, Kilo Co., leads the way and demonstrates how the poncho is used for floatation.

nothing but the clothes they wear and a chicken for breakfast amongst them. They build their own shelters, find food and acquire fire without the use of matches, then complete a 3.4-mile endurance course.

“The course incorporates 36 obstacles,” said Sgt. Thomas R. Johnson, a rough terrain instructor at the JWTC. “The hardest part for the Marines is the stretcher carry exercise, which is three-quarters of a mile long.”

The stretcher carry winds its way along a narrow, slippery and treacherous course as each team carries the heaviest member for the duration, up two hills, he explained. The hills are also slippery and steep, he added.

The Jungle Warfare Training Center teaches not only Marines, but also U.S. Navy, Army, and Air Force units.

“We also train other countries and services such as the Japanese and the Republic of Korea,” said Johnson.

The center offers 20,000 acres of rugged mountainous terrain with thick jungles dispersed throughout, and can facilitate and accommodate 1,000 personnel for 30 days.

A UDP battalion has to be ready for every environment — from the hot jungles of Okinawa, to cold mountainous terrain,” said Gunnery Sgt. Guy H. Simmons of Weapons Co., 3rd Bn., 2nd Marine Regiment.